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For: **LONG LASTING AQUEOUS DISPERSIONS
OR SUSPENSIONS OF
PRESSURE-RESISTANT GAS-FILLED
MICROVESICLES AND METHODS FOR
THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

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Sir:

PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)

Applicants hereby petition to have action suspended in this application for a period of at least 6 months as provided by Rule 103 and MPEP 709.

Dr. Nenad Tomov, the person responsible for preparing and prosecuting this application in the assignee company, Bracco Reserach S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland, was aboard ill fated Swissair Flight 111 on September 2, 1998 when it crashed; see the attached list of those killed on this flight as published in the New York Times. Dr. Tomov was in fact returning to his home in Geneva following a series of interviews at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31 and September 1, 1998.

Applicants and those in Switzerland now involved with the prosecution of this application require time to organize and in some cases reconstruct files of the U.S. and other patent applications handled by the late Dr. Tomov. At present efforts are being made to respond to all U.S. applications in which Official Actions or other communications have already been issued.

To the knowledge of the undersigned as of this date there are no outstanding Official Actions or responses required by applicants in this application [see 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a), last sentence].

You are hereby authorized to charge any costs or fees associated with this petition [37 C.F.R. §1.17 (i)] to deposit account 14-1140.

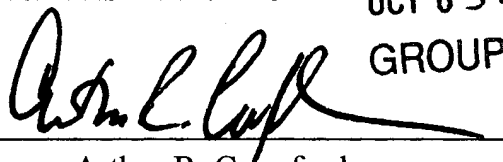
Considering the unusual circumstances involved, favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A List of Those Killed on Swissair Flight 111

Following is a list of the passengers and crew members killed in the crash of Swissair Flight 111, released last night by the airline. Two of the 215 passengers were not named. Ages or hometowns of the victims were not released.

ABADY, George
ABERY, Keith
ABOUTAAM, Sleiman
ABOUTAAM, Suad
ACEVEDO, Ingrid
AELLEN, Pierre-Andre
ALBERTSEN, Else
ALBERTSEN, Torkild
ALLEAUME, Bruno
ALSAUD, Bandar
AMPOSTA, M.
BABOLAT, Pierre
BACONNIER, Pascal
BAEUMER, Ludwig
BALL, Eudyce
BALL, Martin
BELL, Patrick W.
BENJAMIN, Jesse
James
BENJAMIN, Stacey
BENJAMIN, Wahkyn
BENJAMIN, Whitney
Ginger
BILGER, Joachim
BITTENBINDER, Suzanne
BOLSTERLI, Andrew
BOUCHOUT, Geoffroy
BOURE, Faye
BOURE, Rosline
BOVE, Jane
BURCKHARD, Erich
BURGHARDT, Susan
BURRUS, Dominique
BURRUS, Thierry
CALVETMASSY, C.
CAPPOLA, Maxine
CARIPIDES, Gabriela
CARIPIDES, Peter
CARIPIDES, William
CEGAR, Natasa
CHAPMAN, Cauley
CHAPMAN, Mark
CHATELAIN, Odette
CHATELAIN, Raoul
CHEVEY, Nathalie
CHEVEY, Nicolas
CLEMENTSMANN, Marylou

COBURN, Richard
COLINBARRAND, Thierry
COLMERY, Barry
COLMERY, Julie
DANON, Albert
DEGRAEF, Maarten
DEMEIRE, Jana
DEPLEDGE, Caroline
DEPLEDGE, Jane
DEPLEDGE, Micheal
DEPLEDGE, Norman
DEROUSSAN, Yves
DIBA, Mahmood
DITCHKUS, L.
DITCHKUS, M.
DOMINIGUE, Karen
DONALDSON, Rhonda
DUMITRU, C.
EZELL, Patricia
FETHEROLF, Tara
FINE, Douglas
FREVIEW, Mary-
vonne
FROGHI
FUHRMANN, William
GAMBONE, Deborah
GAMBONE, Michael
GARBOUDES, Amanda
GARBOUDES, Christine
GARBOUDES, Herve
GARBOUDES, Tristan
GERETY, Pierce
HAMMOND, Joan
HAMMOND, Paul
HASTIE, Cheriem
HAUSMAN, Thomas
HEWSON, Roberte
HOCHE, Gabriel
HOOTSEV, Andrew
HOEL, Anne-Sophie
HOEL, Francois
HOEL, Marie-Fran-
coise
HOEL, Olivia
HOEL, Paul-Edouard
HOPCRAFT, Lawrence
HOPCRAFT, Pauline
ICONOMOPOULOU, C.H.

JACKMAN, Olivier
JASAN, Jay
JEGGE, Evelyn
JEGGE, Isabelle
JHURANI, Somesh
JUNOD, Maryline
KAISER, Marina
KARAMANOUKIAN, Serge
KASSEL, James T.
KEFALIDIS, N.
KIEF, Kevin
KINDERGEIGER, Klaus
KITSINGER, Eric
KLEIN, Stanley
KLEINMAN, Karen
KLEINMAN, Leonard
KOHLER, Stephane
KOKORUDA, Jean
KOKORUDA, Robert
KREIS, Thomas
KRETSCHMER, Heidi
LAMOTTA, Joseph
LAMPIETTI, Dario
LATTIMER, Don
LATTIMER, Nancy
LEMAITRE, Anne-
Laure
LESAICHOT, Jean-
Luc
LEVY, Ronny M.
LIBRETT, Jeffrey M.
LUCAS, Anna B.
LUCAS, James N.
MAILLET, Denis
MAILLET, Robert
MAKAREVITCH, Manuel
MALLIN, Gilda
MALLIN, Ralph
MANN, Jonathan
MARTIN, Joseph
MEHRARABANSA-
MIT, Elahah
MENDO, C.
MILNE, Alma
MILNE, Robert
MIRALAI, Astrid
MIRALAI, Chantal
MIRALAI, Houchang
MOLINIER, Francoise

MOLINIER, Jean-Phi-
lippe
MONAY, N.
MORERO, JP.
MORERO, M.
MORTIMER, Hilda B.
MORTIMER, John H.
MOSER, Julie
MOZES, Jean-Max
MUNARI, Jaques
NAPOLI, Phyllis
NAVARRO, Yolanda
NELSON, Tara
NEUWEILER, Adri-
enne
NEUWEILER, John
NOCETO, Betty
NOCETO, Claude
OGARA, William
OMRAN, A.
PEREAU, Clelia
PEREAU, Jean-Louis
PEREAU, Joelle
PEREAU, Sylvie
PEREAU, Yves
PERROUD, E.
PINOESCH, Sker
PLUMLEIGH, Char-
lotte
PLUMLEIGH, Glen
RAPPAZ, M. Cecile
RAPPAZ, Michel
RATNAVALE, J.
RATNAVALE, V.
RICHARD, Karine
RIZZA, A.
RIZZA, Victor
ROMANO, Raymond
ROSSI, Maurizio
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OVA, E.
SALAMA, Magda
SANNA, Nino
SAUGY, Crystel
SCARBORO, A.
SCOTT, Matthew
SCOLAR, N.
SEQUI, S.
SHAW, Stephanie
SHEER, Diane
SHEER, Donald
SHUSTER, Stephanie

SMITH, Caroline
SPANNE, Per
SPANOPOULOU, Eu-
genia
SPANOPOULOU, Hodssev-Plato
SPERBER, Julie
SPERBER, Thomas
SPRINGER, Hilloyd
SPRINGER, Judith
STAUFFER, Peter
STAUTER, Robert
TAHMOUSH, Albert
TAHMOUSH, Odette
THIOUDELLET, Alex-
andre
THIOUDELLET, Em-
manuel
THOMPSON, Ernest
THORENS, Sebastien
TOMOV, Nenad
TOPFGIBSON, Nancy
TSOLLIS, Christos
TZAMARIOUDAKI, Maria
VILLET, Vincent
WHITE, Rowennallee
WILCOX, Alex
WILCOX, Petra
WILKINS, Monte
WILLIAMS, Roger
WILSON, Jonathan
ZENIOS, Marino

Crew
ZIMMERMANN, Urs
LOEW, Stephan
OBERHNSLI, Ren
PAZELLER, Seraina
SCHWAB, Peter
POMPILI, Jeannine
WIPRCHTIGER, Brig-
it
BIRKLE, Raphael
BETRISSEY, Irene
CASTIONI, Anne E.
FURTER, Colette
ZUBER, Florence
EBERHART, Patricia
REUTEMANN, Regu-
la